CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Consecration.

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful to thee.
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee."

—F. R. HAVERGAL.

DEAR EDITOR: As I see so many letters from the children, I thought perhaps you would like a few lines from me. The weather has been very cold for some time. The roads are good for sleigh-riding. I live two squares from the school house, and I go to school every day that the weather is nice. I have a little dog his name is Nip, he is a very comical little fellow. I got a sled for Christmas and I have lots of fun playing with it. Well I will close and see if you will print this.

Very Kindly,
GRACE SWITZER.

Warsaw, Ind.

DEAR EDITOR: I have never written a letter, but I have read several in the Children's Column of the EVANGELIST, that seem to be written by little girls, and so I thought I would try and write one too. We live half a mile from the Fairview church, where the Brethren hold regular meetings every three weeks. My pa and ma, belong to the Church. We have a good Sabbath school in the summer, but not in winter. I have missed but few times since we have school. I am in my tenth year. I have one sister 14 and one that will be eight, in May, but she is taller than I am, and we three sisters have each one little brother. Now I will quit for this time.

SUSIE JANE GROVE.

Vinco, Feb. 1, 1886.

Dear children: Well, love was too true to admit formalities. If a friend loves another friend, he counts not his letters to ascertain if he has received as many as he has written. When a mother loves her run-away boy, she does not wait until he kneels at her feet for pardon, but follows his footsteps through the blinding storm to lead him back into the light and love of home. A teacher who desires the happiness of her pupils, seeks to make them happy ere she needs to kiss away their tears.

I write to you, having seen in the EVANGELIST that you compose pretty letters. There are other pretty things that children can do which we will talk about when we become better acquainted.

I suppose each one of my little readers has a friend that he loves very much, and to whom he tells his little sorrows. I have one, and I believe you know him too, for I was a child when I first knew him. It is Jesus.

But my dears, there are children living across the ocean who have never heard of our friend, Jesus. They talk to gods made of stone. It hurts you to fall over a stone, but mother lifts you up and calls you her darling until the pain has passed away. It hurts the hearts of those heathen children to bow to pitiless stone, but they have no loving mother to kiss their tear-stained eyes. Their parents are idolaters too, and weep with them beside their idols. They have no God to love. I am sorry for those weeping children; you are too.

My dears, commit these words to memory and repeat them to your Sabbath school teacher next Sunday. She will be pleased with you.

"I live to hail the season,
By gifted minds fortold,
When man shall live for reason,
And not alone for gold;
When man to man united,
The whole world shall be lighted.
As Eden was of old."

TEACHER.

The Story of a Violet.

Many, many years ago a little violet bloomed in the shelter of a large rock. There it grew and flourished until it became blue as the heaven above from which the warm sun sent forth its kindly rays or the gentle rain fell in refreshing summer showers. Still strange to say it was dissatisfied. "If I could only be of some use in this great world" it murmured gently. Merry schoolgirls came to the woods to gather the flowers there, but there were so many larger flowers, such as tulips, primroses and the great myriads of flowers which are found in the woods in the spring and summer, that our poor violet was quite unnoticed for some time. Finally, one morning when the flower was more discontented than ever, a little girl and boy came walking along their hands almost filled with flowers. Presently the little girl pointed to our violet and said "Look Robert, there is a violet." Then the boy took it gently from its resting place and placed it in the basket saying, "How pleased Lilian will be, won't she? She was telling us this morning how much she wanted some violets." So they started home with their prizes and as they carried the flowers along the violet was delighted to think that at last it would be of some use. Lilian proved to be the children's sister, who made boquets of wild flowers and sent them to a large children's hospital in the crowded city. So bye and bye, the violet in company with a bit of mignonette found itself upon a little stand beside a little white bed in which lay a child who exclaimed, "O, a violet, I've been wishing for one so long now I am happy." But the little child grew gradually worse for her disease was a fatal one and finally in about a week she passed away. But the little flower had faded also and when the body had been placed in its last resting place it was tossed out of the window into a dark alley, but a little bird flying overhead heard the tiny flower exclaim, "Now am I content to die for she said I had made her happy." And it died in peace.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

Columbus, Ohio.

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Woman's Province.

THE DUTIES OF THE GENTLER SEX—HOW BEST FULFILLED.

What a great task is assigned to woman. Its dignity can not be elevated. It is not her province to make laws, to lead armies, nor to be at the head of great enterprises, but to her is given the power to form those by whom the laws are made, to teach the leaders of mighty armies and the governors of vast empires. She is required to guard against having the slightest taint of bodily infirmity touch the frail creature whose moral, intellectual and physical being is derived from her. She must instil correct principles, inculcate right doctrines, and breathe into the soul of her offspring those pure sentiments which in time to come will be a part of themselves, and bless generations yet unborn. Yes, to woman is given the blessed privilege of aiding the sufferer in all the various stages of his existence She smiles serenely at the christening, and weeps at the burial, while she soothes the bereaved heart. This is her province and duty. Yet how can she fulfill her mission unless possessed of a strong and healthy body? The preparation of Dr. S. B. Hartman, and known as PERUNA, is just the thing for persons suffering from a majority of the complaints incident to this climate. It is invaluable to women, and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, of New Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, is a noted example of what the medicine can do. She says she has suffered for years with congestion of the lungs, catarrh in the head, and was troubled with a bad cough. She had tried a number of physicians, but they all failed to cure her. She was induced to try PERUNA, and immediately a marked change took place. After using one bottle her cough ceased and in a short time her other ailments were cured. She is now completely restored to health, and gives all the credit to PERUNA. Mr. J. W. Reynolds, her husband, was a confirmed invalid. He could not sleep well, neither could he work. He used PERUNA, and as a result, was completely restored to his former vigor and strength. He says he now feels like a new man.

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